would send them to Mr. Lterzel, the Librarian, at the Free Library, Newport Road.

Yours truly,
GEO. BAINBRIDGE,
Town Clerk.

Mr. Wm. Garbett,
Middlesbrough.

The above is in Elder C. L. French's district. I am also in receipt of encouraging news from Murton, in Elder Peter Reid's district. The Saints there are about to establish a tract society, and have the brethren go around weekly to change the tracts, from house to house. Please send an additional 200 copies each of the Gospel Message, Marriage Institution, Only True Gospel and Means of Escape.

I am also in receipt of a letter from a (non-member) subscriber of the STAR, who is somewhat annoyed at some manifestly senseless lies published in the Newcastle *Daily Chronicle*, from a correspondent, "J. C.," whose pious indignation is aroused because "A Tynesider Emigrant" has been writing some few items in fairness to that paper about the "Mormons."

We expect to attend to a few more baptisms before Christmas, and are finding many friends and much happiness in our labors. Our motto is, "Charity, Patience and Firmness," and, with the assistance of elders from Utah, the presidents of branches and local priesthood generally, we look forward, with still brightening hopes, to a rich harvest in the coming year; for as the old image crumbles, the little "stone cut out of the mountain without hands," will steadily roll forth until it fills the whole earth.

Your brother in the Gospel,
GEO. CRANE.

DISTRICT MEETING.

From Brother Jas. S. P. Bowler, we have received the minutes of a district meeting held in Public Hall, Hucknall, Torkard, in the Nottingham Conference, on Sunday, Dec. 14th, 1879.

The elders from Utah present, were David C. Dunbar, President of, and E. Cliff, A. H. Cannon and Henry Rampton, traveling elders in the Nottingham Conference.

The morning services opened at 10.30 with singing. Prayer was offered by Elder H. Rampton. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Reports as to the condition of the branches were given by Elders Bowler, Horsely, Cully, Clifton, Martin, Rampton and Cannon, all of which were encouraging, showing that the Saints generally were striving to perform their duties.

President Dunbar requested that the instructions of President Budge regarding the keeping of records and the correct making of financial and statistical reports be strictly carried out.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Cliff.

2.30 p.m.

Singing exercises as usual. Prayer by Elder Cannon.

Elder Cliff delivered a very instructive discourse on the doctrines, organization and authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, showing also that it was built on the eternal rock of truth and would never be prevailed against.

Elder Rampton spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel, testified to the excellent qualities of the Latter-day Saints, among whom he had lived in Utah twenty-five years, and bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel as revealed through Joseph Smith the prophet.

Singing. Prayer by President Dunbar.

6.30. p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Cliff.

President Dunbar delivered an interesting discourse upon the doctrines and ordinances of the true Church of Christ, sustaining each proposition he advanced by scriptural evidence and sound reasoning.

Elder Cannon spoke upon the evi-

dences which prove the divine origin of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, concerning which he had received a personal testimony by the manifestation of the Holy Ghost.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Horsley.

The following is annexed to the report: The meetings were well attended, there being about 300 present in the afternoon, and 500 in the evening. The singing by the choir was very good, and the Saints in Hucknall were very kind to those from the different branches.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Francis Starkie, of Brown Edge, Mobberly, Cheshire, would like to know the whereabouts of William Baker, who emigrated to Utah from Stafford, in April, 1862.—Utah papers please copy.

Maria Harlow of 8, Waterloo, Nr. Pembroke, desires to learn the whereabouts of John, Louisa and Martha Eynon, formerly of Lourenny Ferry, Pembrokeshire. Address Maria Harlow, care of John Davis, Front Street, Gail, Neyland, Pembrokeshire, Wales.

DIED.

MATHISON.—At Dundee, Scotland, of bronchitis, Aaron, infant son of David and Sarah Mathison, aged 1 year and 1 month.—Utah papers please copy.

COPELAND.—At Heaton Mersy, near Stockport, August 16th, 1879, William Copeland, aged 73 years.—Utah papers please copy.

COWLEY.—At Portwood, Stockport, October 13th, 1879, Sarah Cowley, aged 64 years.—Utah papers please copy.

HOOD.—At Woodend, Linlithgowshire, Scotland, Nov. 12th, 1879, of water on the brain, Helen Dunn infant daughter of John and Christina Hood, aged 18 months.—Utah papers please copy.

FYFE.—At Ogden, Utah, Oct. 30th, 1879, of inflammation, Elizabeth Hunter, wife of William Fyfe, aged 35 years. Deceased was born in Clackmannan, Scotland.—"News."

RICH.—In Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho Territory, Oct. 21st, 1879, of brain fever, Phebe Jane, daughter of Charles C. and Sarah Jane Peck Rich, aged 19 years, 5 months and 24 days. Deceased was a dutiful, kind-hearted girl, beloved by all who knew her, and her loss is sincerely felt by the entire settlement.—"News."

NEBEKER.—At Lake Town, Rich County, Utah, Nov. 2nd, 1879, of gastritis, Jane Ann, wife of Aaron Nebeker. Deceased was a daughter of Arthur S. and Elizabeth Smith, and was born at Nauvoo, on the 27th day of February, 1844. She died, as she had lived, a true Latter-day Saint.—"News."

PATRICK.—In the 18th Ward, Salt Lake City, Nov. 9th, 1879, Martha, daughter of Robert and Rachael Baird Patrick, born Aug. 22nd, 1866. She was a bright, intelligent child, of an exceedingly sweet disposition.

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THE GOSPEL TO THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

[CONCLUDED FROM PAGE 803.]

All the holy prophets, from the beginning of the world, have taken up the theme of the glorious coming of the Son of Man in the latter days, to reign on the earth. In connection with this stupendous event they have depicted, in graphic and prophetic measure, the terrible scenes that are to precede it. The wicked who will not listen to the mandates of heaven are to be swept from the earth by judgments, as with the overwhelming rush of a flood. Famine, plague, pestilence, war, commotions, uprisings and destructions, in all the most appalling forms, will visit those who delight in revelling in the filth of iniquity that now rises as an offence in the sight of the hosts of heaven. The period of those tribulations, which have already begun to appear, has been characterized the "Great and dreadful day of the Lord." This fearful time, when "the wicked shall slay the wicked," is a necessity as a preparatory process before the coming of the King of Kings. A millennium—a reign of righteousness and peace—would be an impossibility with myriads of human beings on the earth that are sunk in the slough of corruption, delighting in deeds of violence and strife. They repent not, and to introduce purity and peace, those whose lives are in contravention of, instead of in harmony with those conditions, must be blotted out of existence. Therefore it is decreed in the heavens that those who remain at His coming will be those only who will bow to His sceptre, deporting themselves in accordance with righteousness and truth.

Were it not for the realization of a glorious promise the earth, because of the corruption of those living upon it, would be smitten with an irretrievable curse. The nature of that promise is set forth in the 5th and 6th verses of the last chapter of Malachi: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

What a beautiful and singular harmony is presented between the nature of this great promise and the principles set forth in the present writing—the Gospel to the dead as well as the living. In the dispensation of the meridian of time, introduced by the Redeemer in person, the heavenly message of glad tidings was, as herein exhibited, not only to men dwelling in the flesh, but also to those living in the spirit. The Latter-day Saints claim that the latter-day dispensation was opened by the raising up of the Prophet Joseph Smith. That great and good man, and his brother Hyrum, Patriarch of the Church, met a fate similar to that of the Savior. They were slain by a furious mob of religious bigots, for no other reason than asserting that God had again spoken from heaven as of old. Like the ancient prophets they clung to their integrity with their latest breath, and sealed their testimony with their blood. But, like their Great Master. their mission was not confined to the sphere of the living. As in His case, it extended also to that of the spirits of the departed. Hence, when the prophet had accomplished the work, by revelation from God, of setting up the true Church of Christ, with apostles and prophets, high priests, seventies, elders, priests. teachers, deacons, and every other officer, and all the necessary councils, courts and other organizations, as in former days, he was called hence to open up a new and later dispensation in the life beyond. The work he had been the honored instrument in inaugurating here could be perpetuated, under divine guidance, by those remaining behind who held similar priesthood and authority to that that had been conferred upon him, and which belongs to him in eternity. That same commission that enabled him to perform a work here, is of effect in the realms beyond the grave. Thus an unbroken chain is formed, welding the visible Church of the First Born on this side with the same eternal system behind the vail. By this means there is established a common bond of union between the children—the obedient in this generation—and the fathers who have passed to the other sphere.

Malachi, whom we have quoted, spoke the words of inspiration, and we claim they have received a literal fulfillment. If our reader profess to be a believer in the Bible he must, to be consistent, either accept as a truth that Elijah the prophet has come, or that he will come some time in the future. Seeing the finger of prophecy points to the coming of that departed prophet, for a special purpose, our claim that his visit is an accomplished fact is worthy of investigatory consideration. We declare that he actually appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, in a temple that had been reared by the Latter-day Saints, and dedicated to the Lord for holy purposes, at Kirtland, State of Ohio, United States of America. This visitation occurred on the 3rd of April, 1836. They were visited by others of the ancient prophets successively on the same occasion, each conferring upon them the keys and authority pertaining to his special dispensation, that all the powers pertaining to each might be incorporated in the most stupendous of them all—that of the latter days, to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man. We quote from the account of the event, given on page 405 of the latest edition of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants: "After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us, for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before us and said—Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi, testifying that he (Elijah) should be sent before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse. Therefore the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands, and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors."

From the hour that that glorious vision opened to the view of those whose eyes were favored to behold it, the effects of the visit of the great Elijah took root, until the outspreading branches from the seed then sown have spread to the uttermost parts of

the earth. A great work is in progress, but because "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," the world comprehend it not. This is because they are not repentant, neither are they born of water and of the spirit, without which process man cannot even see, to say nothing of entering, the kingdom of God. The elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are carrying the Gospel to the nations, traveling without purse and scrip, as in olden times. Great companies of those who believe their testimonies are departing for the gathering place of the Church, month by month and year by year. A leading influence that causes them to wend their way to the appointed land where the latter-day Zion is to be built up, is the turning of their hearts to the fathers who have passed before them without the privilege of embracing the plan of salvation on the earth. Baptism, confirmation and other ordinances for the dead can only be attended to in holy structures called temples, reared to the Most High for sacred purposes. The Saints flock together to aid in the rearing of such buildings, that they may enter them and officiate for the fathers who have gone before, that they may be "judged according to men in the flesh, walk according to God in the spirit," and have part in the blessings and privileges of the Gospel of the Redeemer.

Thus are the words of Malachi fulfilled, in the turning of the hearts of the children to the fathers. The children are manifesting their solicitude for the salvation of the dead by their works. The Saints, in the fruitful valleys of the mountains of the north-western portion of America, are engaged in the building of temples to the God of Heaven, and they operate in full faith of co-operation on the part of the fathers for whom they are working. They have abundant evidence that the turning of their hearts to the fathers is met with a responsive reciprocal echo from the spirits of the departed, to whom the Gospel is being preached. One temple, devoted to the performance of vicarious and other ordinances, is completed and two others are in the course of construction. It is a portion of the faith of the Saints also that the great work of the redemption of the dead will be prosecuted throughout the Millennial reign, until, at the end of the thousand years of peace, Christ shall have put all things under his feet, being the great conqueror of "death, hell and the grave." When the great work of redemption is completed, He will present the Kingdom, in its perfection, to His Father, who shall tell His Only Begotten to retain it and reign over it for ever and ever.

We are aware of our inability to present even a remote portrayal of the greatness of the grand scheme concocted in heaven for the redemption of humanity. But however faint the result of our endeavor, it is perhaps sufficient to show that the saving plan bears upon it the stamp of Deity. It is a system that, because of its magnitude, magnanimity and beauty, appeals to the intellectual, moral and religious nature of man. And when the hosts of the redeemed shall sing the new song of praise to God and the Lamb, it will be the manifestation of a clear comprehension of so grand a scheme, taking within its broad folds not only living races of men but, stretching wide into eternity, embracing all things that were, are, and that still lie in the bosom of the future.

We call upon all men everywhere to repent, flock to the standard of the Redeemer, that they may aid the cause of salvation and be counted worthy eventually of a position in the ransomed throng. For we bear testimony, in the name of Jesus Christ, that the Eternal Father has broken the long silence that has intervened and, by revelation, set up His Church on the earth, for the salvation of all who will obey the mandates of His divine will.

Let no one suppose that by acting a good part through life he will escape slander. There will be those even who hate because of the very qualities that ought to procure esteem. There are some people in the world who are not willing that others should be better than themselves.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1879.

THE EXPIRING YEAR.

This issue completes volume forty-one of the MILLENNIAL STAR. As to whether its merits justly entitle it to a niche of equal prominence, in the historical structure in process of being reared in connection with the "Work of the Father," to those occupied by its forty predecessors, must be left to those who peruse its pages to decide. We have endeavored, by the blessing of God, to make it a faithful chronicle of events having a more or less direct bearing upon the work of God, and a medium of practical instruction in relation to the most efficient methods of carrying on the successful dissemination of the principles of salvation among the people in the lands comprising the European Mission.

Before the first number of the next volume appears, the year 1879 will have vanished into the past, and we shall be over the threshold of 1880. In commenting upon the leading events of the year immediately preceding the one just extinguished, we remarked, in reference to the affairs of the nations, "Every year brings new causes of alarm, and we cannot see that 1879 is more promising of good things than its predecessor, but otherwise, save to those who are seeking to develop the principles of truth and righteousness in the earth."

A retrospective glance at the leading occurrences of the lately expired year exhibits a verification of the rather gloomy prognostication. The air has been filled with threatening war rumors, and the actual tocsin of battle has been sounded. A bloody campaign between the British forces and the tribes of Zululand has been conducted and practically ended. The armies of the British Empire have been and still are engaged in deadly strife with the inhabitants of Afghanistan, whilst the Russian forces are operating similarly against the Turcomans in Turkistan. A sanguinary conflict is going on between Chili on the one side and Peru and Bolivia on the other.

In consequence of sweepingly destructive floods, a wail of distress has arisen from Hungary, while gaunt famine has done a ghastly work of devastation among the peoples of Egypt and Morocco. The failure of crops and unparalleled stagnation of business in Great Britain and Ireland have caused great suffering among the poorer classes of the population. France and Italy are also afflicted in a somewhat similar manner. Russia is being shaken from centre to circumference by the operations of secret agencies whose object is to break in pieces the existing dynasty. Two attempts have been made, in 1879, by those organizations, to take the life of the Emperor.

The events of 1879, and the momentous questions that have arisen in that brief period, to which, in the present writing, we have not time nor space to make even a passing allusion, constitute it one of the most important epochs of the world's history. While the general character of the circumstances of the nations have a bearing upon the great work of the last days, which the Lord has begun, there are other events of a special nature that are directly in contact with it. Circumstances of the latter kind have a more peculiar interest for the Saints. Leaving the contemplation of the general affairs of a crumbling world, we will take a passing backward glance at those closely connected with the Church of Christ.

STILL RETROSPECTIVE.

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A few days after the opening of 1879, the Supreme Court of the United States struck a blow at the Constitution of the Republic and at the religious liberties of the Saints. That tribunal decided that Congress had a right to make laws to prohibit the practice of the patriarchal order of marriage. A determination was also expressed to stamp that institution out. However, our Heavenly Father is at the helm of His work, and every effort on the part of men to stop its progress only serves to show His superior wisdom and power, and their foolishness and imbecility. True, Brother Reynolds, whose case was advanced to test the constitutionality of the law under which the prosecution was conducted, is incarcerated in prison. He is an illustration of what a conscientious man is willing to endure for the sake of truth. In the main the work of the Lord is not detrimentally affected. Zion prospers, and the faithful Saints rejoice, notwithstanding the efforts of their enemies.

The Church at home has passed through an ordeal in the form of vexatious lawsuits, causing the leaders of the people much perplexity. Thanks be to the Lord, that source of annoyance is disposed of, it is devoutly to be wished, forever.

In the passing year one more has been added to the array of martyrs of the last dispensation, who have sealed their testimony with their blood. Joseph Standing was murdered by a number of bigots whose wicked hearts were fired with the frenzy of religious hate. The crime of which he was guilty, was his being an expounder of the truths of heaven, as incorporated in the faith and doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The assassination was perpetrated in the State of Georgia, U.S.A., and the courts of law acquitted the parties who committed the dark deed.

In August the members of the Cabinet of the United States Government, particularly Secretary Evarts, perpetrated a piece of supreme folly. We refer to the circular that was issued for the purpose of enlisting the aid of the Governments of Great Britain, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, in hindering the progress of "Mormonism" by discouraging the emigration to Utah of its converts. The document created quite an international breeze for a short time, and many appeared to think that the work would really be impeded. The Saints were undisturbed, however, and the tide of emigration has flowed as uninterruptedly to Utah as if Mr. Evarts and his circular had

never existed. This is exactly as we anticipated, and as we predicted at the time. Those who undertake to stay the progress of the work of God are found fighting against Him, and it is easy to decide as to who shall be victor. So often have the machinations of men against the Saints been foiled, that God's people, in every hour of trial, look to Him with implicit confidence, bringing each succeeding time, a similar result. In commenting upon the matter of the circular, at the time of its issuance, we concluded with the following confident expression:

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We can scarcely pass over an allusion to the events of the dying Year without making mention of the progress of the work in the missions and conferences constituting the European Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As has already been stated in the pages of the STAR, a very large amount of work has been done in the publishing department of this Office. The product of this important labor, in the shape of standard works of the Church, and tracts and pamphlets, has been freely circulated among the people, being the means of spreading a knowledge of the work of God. In most of the conferences of Great Britain the elders have been very diligent in preaching the Gospel in the open-air, during the summer months, and now many of them are energetically following up that campaign by seeking and finding new doors for the admission of the word of God, by meetings in private houses. On the whole we are pleased to express our unfeigned approval of the general course of the laborers in the vineyard, who, as a body of men, are devoted and faithful. By their endeavors and the blessing of God, a number have been brought to a knowledge of the principles of eternal life, and for this fruition of the labors of His servants, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him.

ARRIVALS.—On the night of Saturday, Dec. 13th, Elders Charles W. Hulse, A. L. Skancky and Fred Lundberg arrived in Liverpool by the S.S. *Wyoming*. Brother Hulse has been laboring for the last six months in the Southern States of America, and now comes to engage in the ministry in England. The other two were called on missions to Scandinavia, and left Liverpool for Copenhagen on Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 21st, by S.S. *City of Brussels*, Elders W. W. Jackson, James Burningham and Peter A. Nielsen. The two former came on missions to England, and the latter to Denmark.

APPOINTMENTS.

Charles W. Hulse is appointed a traveling elder in the Welsh Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder John G. Jones.

William W. Jackson is appointed a traveling elder in the Birmingham Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder E. M. Curtis.

James Burningham is appointed a traveling elder in the London Conference, to labor under the direction of Elder George H. Taylor.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

MISSIONARIES IN ICELAND.—President N. Wilhelmsen wrote as follows: from Copenhagen, on Dec. 21st, 1879:

"Elders Evanson and Johnson left here for Iceland on the 8th of November last. A letter from Brother Evanson, dated Reykjavik, November 26th, states that they arrived in that city, on the Island, after a voyage of fifteen days, partly rough, on the 23rd of November. After their arrival they had conversed freely with the people, and made some friends, but had held no meetings up to that date. Before they can do this they must have special permission of the authorities. They had not yet found out what sale they could find for the books, but entertained the hope that they would sell readily when they got better acquainted. On account of being short of funds, they thought they would have to leave the capital for the country, where they expected to find more hospitality among the people. Altogether the brethren felt well, and wished to go ahead and work to the full extent of their ability for the welfare of the great work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEETINGS—BRANCH ORGANIZED—BAPTISMS.

Kilmarnock, Scotland,
Dec. 22nd, 1879.

President Wm. Budge.

Dear Brother,—I have traveled in this district ever since coming to Scotland. At first my health was not good, but it has improved of late. The Lord has greatly blessed me. I have found in Elder James Houston a most efficient help, before as well as since his appointment to the position of traveling elder.

On the 17th of November, in conjunction with Elder Thomas Hood, who, in the absence of Elder Francis Marshall, presided over the Irvine Branch, I organized a Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association there, which works well. It numbers thirteen officers and members.

On Dec. 14th, we held our first District Meeting in Kilmarnock. President Findlay, myself and Elder Houston were present. We had a very interesting and instructive time. We organized a branch in Kilmarnock, and appointed Elder F. Marshall to preside over it, he having been released from the presidency of the Irvine Branch, to enable him to take this new position. Brother Robert Brown was appointed clerk. The branch numbers twenty-three officers and members.

President Findlay accompanied me on a tour through part of the District, and we had some good meetings.

On the 20th inst., Elder Houston and I went to Hurlford, where I baptized four persons, the first fruits of the organization of Kilmarnock Branch.

Your Brother in the Gospel,
JOHN L. BLYTH.

POETRY.

GOOD-BYE, 1879.

Tho' far in distant lands I've been with thee,
Thou hast been kind and gentle unto me.
Dost thou the acts and thoughts of men enroll,
Upon the measured pages of thy scroll?
Then I have hope of me thou hast some good,
No ill can I recall, o'er which to brood.
Blessings in thee have showered from above
Upon myself and, better, those I love.
Then when the mind shall backward steps retrace,
In mem'ry's book thou'lt have a treasured place.

DIED.

BERRY.—At Mona, Juab County, Utah, November 9th, 1879, of diphtheria, Elizabeth E., daughter of the late James Berry and his wife Mary Yates, formerly of the Upholland Branch of the Liverpool Conference, aged 8 years and 10 days. Also at the same place, November 14th, 1879, of diphtheria, William, son of the above parents, aged 7 years, 7 months and 25 days.—"News."

PARTINGTON.—At Mona, Juab County, Utah, November 17th, 1879, of membraneous croup, John T., son of John and Elizabeth Partington, formerly of the St. Helens Branch of the Liverpool Conference, aged 7 years, 2 months and 15 days.—"News."

ANDERSEN.—At Alta, Little Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah, November 21st, 1879, Angelina Elnore, daughter of F. C. and Elizabeth Andersen, aged 5 months and 21 days.—"News."

FREWIN.—In the 16th Ward, Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 24th, 1879, of consumption, Owen Frewin, born May 12th, 1854, at Knowl Hill, Berkshire, England, aged 25 years and 6 months. Brother Frewin lived and died a faithful Latter-day Saint. He was First Counselor to Francis Cope, of the 6th Quorum of Elders.—"News."

NEWSON.—In Salt Lake City, Utah, November 18th, 1879, of diphtheric croup, William G., son of William G. and Caroline Newson, aged 5 months, 3 weeks and 2 days.—"Herald."

MATTHEWS.—In Salt Lake City, Utah, November 18th, 1879, of croup, Daniel P., son of Joseph and Ruth Matthews, aged 4 years, 7 months and 21 days.—"Herald."

NEWMAN.—At Pleasant Grove, Utah County, Utah, December 1st, 1879, Jane Bird, wife of Henry G. Newman. Deceased was born on the 5th of October, 1818, in the village of Cadley, near Marlborough, Wilts, England. Emigrated to Utah in the year 1868, and has been a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 30 years.—"News."

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We can scarcely pass over an allusion to the events of the dying Year without making mention of the progress of the work in the missions and conferences constituting the European Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As has already been stated in the pages of the STAR, a very large amount of work has been done in the publishing department of this Office. The product of this important labor, in the shape of standard works of the Church, and tracts and pamphlets, has been freely circulated among the people, being the means of spreading a knowledge of the work of God. In most of the conferences of Great Britain the elders have been very diligent in preaching the Gospel in the open-air, during the summer months, and now many of them are energetically following up that campaign by seeking and finding new doors for the admission of the word of God, by meetings in private houses. On the whole we are pleased to express our unfeigned approval of the general course of the laborers in the vineyard, who, as a body of men, are devoted and faithful. By their endeavors and the blessing of God, a number have been brought to a knowledge of the principles of eternal life, and for this fruition of the labors of His servants, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him.

ARRIVALS.—On the night of Saturday, Dec. 13th, Elders Charles W. Hulse, A. L. Skancky and Fred Lundberg arrived in Liverpool by the S.S. *Wyoming*. Brother Hulse has been laboring for the last six months in the Southern States of America, and now comes to engage in the ministry in England. The other two were called on missions to Scandinavia, and left Liverpool for Copenhagen on Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

Also, on Sunday, Dec. 21st, by S.S. *City of Brussels*, Elders W. W. Jackson, James Burningham and Peter A. Nielsen. The two former came on missions to England, and the latter to Denmark.

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